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SUBJECT: GUB OIL POLICY: DELEGATION VISITS INDONESIA/ SINGAPORE

1. MINISTER FOR MINES COMMODORE THAUNG TIN, ACCOMPANIED BY MUANMA OIL CORPORATION DIRECTOR GENERAL DR. AUNG KHIN, MYANMA TIN TUNGSTEN CORPORATION DIRECTOR- GENERAL U SAW ALARIC AND THREE OTHERS, LEFT FOR INDONESIA APRIL 25 FOR A TWELVE- DAY VISIT TO BE FOLLOWED BY THREE- DAY VISIT TO SINGAPORE.

2. APRIL 26 PRESS REPORT ON THEIR DEPARTURE NOTED THAT OFFICIALS WERE GOING AT INVITATION OF INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND WOULD HOLD TALKS WITH PERTAMINA OFFICIALS, GO ON OBSERVATION TOURS OF OFF-SHORE OIL DRILLING AND TIN AND OTHER MINING REGIONS. WHILE IN SINGAPORE, REPORT ADDS, GROUP WILL STUDY TECHNIQUES OF CONSTRUCTING OFFSHORE DRILLING RIG PLATFORMS AND OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION BASES.

3. COMMENT: VISIT TO INDONESIA FOLLOWS EARLY MARCH VISIT BY DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND FINANCE U CHIT MOUNG, WHO ALSO MET PERTAMINA OFFICIALS. MINISTER' S VISIT PROVIDES FURTHER EVIDENCE OF HIGH- LEVEL BURMESE INTEREST IN MOVING AHEAD RAPIDLY IN IMPLEMENTING ITS NEW OIL POLICY. ALTHOUGH NOTHING HAS APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS ABOUT THIS POLICY, IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE AMONG INFOR-
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